

I am strongly opposed to the FCC proposal to lift restrictions on the use of nudity and profanity during primetime television hours.

The primary argument that I hear in favor of lifting the ban is that parents can prevent their children from viewing offensive material simply by electing not to watch a given television show. I believe that history has shown that this is an ineffective solution. The fact of the matter is that it is virtually impossible for a parent to anticipate the use of nudity or profanity in any given episode of a television show. Parents that do not want to expose their children to an increase in nudity or profanity on network television will have no alternative except to prohibit primetime viewing altogether...which is not a reasonable option by the very definition of the term "primetime."

Do not further erode the options available to those parents that still cling to a higher standard of decency for their children. Allow primetime to be safe for family viewing (in fact, I would be in favor of increased restrictions on nudity and profanity) and restrict any relaxation of nudity and profanity regulations to adult viewing hours, i.e., after primetime.